

General Behaviour of the National Socialist

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Every party member must feel like a servant of the movement and the folk and act accordingly. This applies in particular to political leaders, leaders of all party branches, as well as to the presidents of the affiliated associations and their members.

Keeping the idea of the national community alive and strengthening it more and more is the highest task of every National Socialist.

It is not tolerable if he elevates himself above a party and national comrade, thinks he is better and thus tears open rifts that have cost the lifeblood of the best German folk to bridge. With a higher office, a National Socialist takes on higher duties. He only has greater power in order to be able to fulfill greater duties. They do not give him the right to become imperious, arrogant and conceited.

He will never gain the trust and voluntary obedience of his subordinates and followers through threats, provocative words, etc.

On duty he should be a leader and supporter, off duty a good comrade and helper to his sub-leaders, party comrades and fellow citizens.

The more his deeds are in harmony with his words, the more his party comrades and his fellow citizens will follow him.

Every National Socialist must remain as simple and modest in his appearance as was the National Socialist custom in the time of struggle.

He should not want to appear more than he is, and just as he rejects all Byzantinism upwards, he should not allow Byzantinism towards his own person.

A leading party member must never be vain and sensitive, and must always prefer to hear the frank, true word of a proven fighter over the honeyed words of creatures who tell him what he wants to hear.

He should always keep in touch with each member of the folk and have a willing ear for their worries and needs.

They will be happy to come to him if he has remained the same and moves in the same company and surroundings as he did in the time of struggle.

The political leaders and presidents of the branches should not attend extravagant banquets, should not run after gifts and honorary memberships, should not frequent the most expensive restaurants, and should always behave during and after working hours as is expected of them as representatives of the German freedom movement and as contributors to the unspeakably difficult task of building a better Germany.

Above all, however, they should also avoid excessive alcohol consumption at a time when many German families still do not have the bare necessities of life and may lose the faith they have laboriously regained when men of the movement organize parties and damage the reputation of the movement by appearing drunk.

A true National Socialist boasts not of his deeds and demands no thanks. His greatest reward is the awareness that he has fulfilled his duty, the success of his work and the trust of his followers.

A National Socialist will always act correctly if he examines himself daily and asks himself whether his work and his behaviour can stand up to the Führer.